

**Whereas**, this year marks the Thirty-ninth Anniversary of TRIO, the name given to a number of federally-funded programs authorized by the U.S. Department of Education to provide a comprehensive array of information, counseling, academic instruction, and support services to disadvantaged students in high school and in college; and

**Whereas**, in recognition of this momentous occasion, a special week-long celebration will take place at Lincoln University in Jefferson City during February 2004; and

**Whereas**, the Student Support Services Program at Lincoln University will join with Equal Opportunity programs around the country in the national observance of TRIO Day on February 27, 2004; and

**Whereas**, National TRIO Day was established by Congress in 1986 to call attention to the needs of disadvantaged young people and adults aspiring to improve themselves through education; and

**Whereas**, for many Americans, equal access to higher education is severely restricted by a number of factors which generally include economic limitations and class, social, and cultural barriers; and

**Whereas**, all too often, disadvantaged students have to contend not only with economic barriers in pursuing higher education, but also lack of encouragement from peers or family members, lack of proper academic preparation, and lack of awareness about the costs of post-secondary education; and

**Whereas**, the TRIO program at Lincoln University and TRIO programs throughout Missouri seek to address these serious problems through a wide range of programs, including Upward Bound, Talent Search, Student Support Services, Educational Community Centers, the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, and Upward Bound-Math/Science; and

**Whereas**, the Lincoln University TRIO program has provided invaluable educational assistance to area disadvantaged residents for fourteen years:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, hereby join with Lincoln University in recognizing February 27, 2004, as National TRIO Day, in honor of the TRIO program's thirty-nine years of commitment toward providing equal access to higher education; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation during TRIO Day.

Offered by the Missouri Legislative Black Caucus  
Representative Craig Bland, Chairman  
Representative Juanita Head, Vice Chairman  
Representative Theodore (Ted) Hoskins, Treasurer  
Representative Melba J. Curls, Secretary

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 498, adopted February 11, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker